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DATA-2071 dated 1953 (Interrogation of Willi HOETTL re PONGER/VERNER)  
HOETTL mentioned Dr. OFCZAREK (© SCHAEFER)'s name to PONGER while the  
two (PONGER & HOETTL) were having lunch in October 1952 in Munich. PONGER  
stated that CIC was very angry with OFCZAREK because he continued to work  
against the agreement which had been reached between CIC Austria and SCHNEIDER  
(GEBLER). Returning from Munich to Austria, after the lunch, HOETTL, PONGER  
met OFCZAREK on the border. HOETTL doubts that PONGER spoke with OFCZAREK, and  
does not know whether or not he knows him personally. HOETTL has no reason to  
believe that OFCZAREK could be working for the Russians via PONGER. HOETTL  
has heard such rumors about OFCZAREK in Austria from Dr. Kurt WESSELY who  
allegedly is active for the Russian or Hungarian IS. HOETTL does not believe  
that OFCZAREK who had employed WESSELY, and may still use him, knows anything  
about WESSELY's other alleged IS activities.

HOETTL also stated that Dr. KNOLL, the son of OFCZAREK's colleague  
Prof. Kurt KNOLL, is a Communist Unity Front Shop Steward in Voest and is  
reported to send OFCZAREK information through his father concerning this  
business. The senior KNOLL appears to be absolutely reliable but apparently  
cannot, for obvious reasons, separate himself from his son.

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